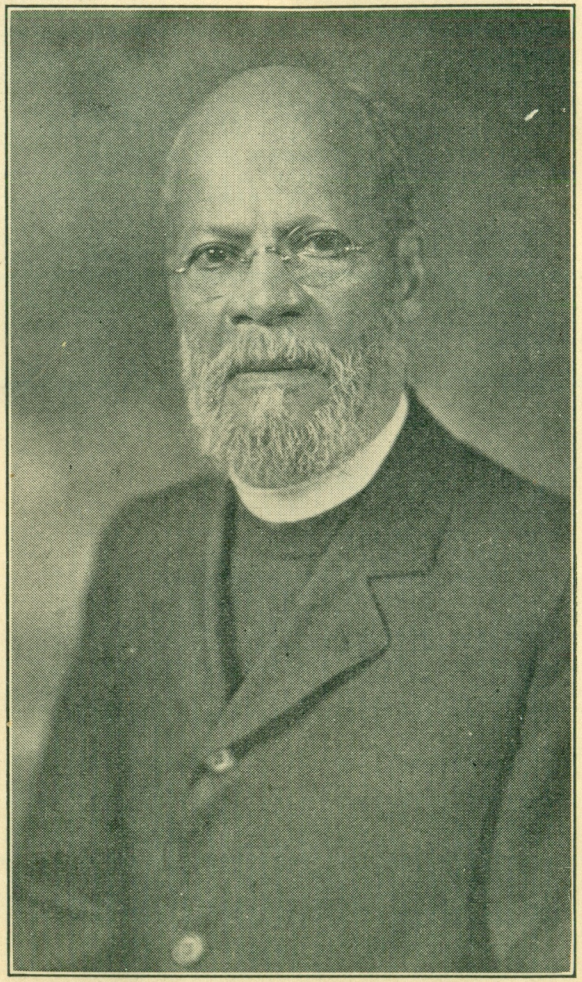
Golden Jubilee

of

Henry Laird Phillips



HENRY LAIRD PHILLIPS

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CHURCH OF THE CRUCIFIXION

BAINBRIDGE STREET ABOVE EIGHTH

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SERVICE

COMMEMORATING

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION

OF THE

ARCHDEACON OF THE COLORED WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1925

4:30 P. M.

REV. ROBERT H. TABB, *Rector*

THE FOREWORD

The writer was ordained to the Sacred Ministry in 1887, in Virginia. A few months previous to his ordination, in the City of Philadelphia, he formed the acquaintance of the Rev. Henry L. Philips, at that time, rector of the Church of the Crucifixion. Immediately there sprung up an admiration for the man which soon ripened into genuine affection. During all the years that have intervened the most affectionate relation has existed between us. For very many years Dr. Phillips was President of the Conference of Church Workers among Colored People, and the writer, Secretary. During the long and weary campaign waged on behalf of the adaptation of the Episcopate to the needs of the race the two of us were practically one. His home was our home. The writer never had a more constant, devoted, and unwearied helper, in all his efforts, for the Church and the race, than Dr. Phillips. And this in all the ways needful and necessary. The arranging of the letters, and documents, in this book, as well as attending to all matters connected with its publication constitutes one of the sweetest joys of our life.

From the death of the late Rev. Alexander Crummell, D.D., LL.D. (in 1898) to date, the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Phillips has honored the Negro Priesthood of this country as its beloved Senior. The apology for herewith publishing the letters of testimony, and other matters connected with the Golden Jubilee of our honored Senior is that the worthy and useful life of our dear brother, a faithful priest, benefactor and philanthropist may be made known to those who are to follow us in labors for God and Humanity.

George F. Bragg, Jr.

Trinity, 1929.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....No. 519

1. Ancient of days, Who sittest, throned in glory;
   To Thee all knees are bent, all voices pray;
   Thy love has blest the wide world's wondrous story,
   With light and life since Eden's dawning day.

2. O Holy Father, Who hast led thy children
   In all the ages, with the Fire and Cloud,
   Through seas dry-shod; through weary wastes bewildering;
   To Thee, in reverent love, our hearts are bowed.

3. O Holy Jesus, Prince of Peace and Saviour,
   To Thee we owe the peace that still prevails,
   Stilling the rude wills of men's wild behaviour,
   And calming passion's fierce and stormy gales.

4. Holy Ghost, the Lord and the Life-giver,
   Thine is the quickening power that gives increase;
   From thee have flowed, as from a pleasant river,
   Our plenty, wealth, prosperity and peace.

5. O triune God, with heart and voice adoring.
   Praise we the goodness that doth crown our days;
   Pray we, that Thou wilt hear us, still imploring
   Thy love and favor, kept to us always.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come.

The Lord be with you.
Answer: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.
Then shall follow the Lord's prayer.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.
Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 150—*Laudate Dominum*

1. O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmanent of his power.

2. Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.

6. Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

PSALM 93—*Dominus Regnavit*

1. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel; the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2. He hath made the round world so sure; that it cannot be moved.

3. Ever since the world began, hath thy seat been prepared; thou art from everlasting.

4. The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

5. The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly; but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

6. Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure: holiness becometh thine house for ever.
O praise God in His Holiness.

THE LESSON: Ephesians iv, 7-13.

THE MAGNIFICAT: St. Luke 1:46.

(Then shall follow the Nicene Creed and Prayers)

HYMN ..... No. 192

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
   Let angels prostrate fall;
   Bring forth the royal diadem,
   and crown Him Lord of all!

2. Crown him, ye martyr of our God,
   Who from His Altar call:
   Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
   And crown Him Lord of all!

3. Hail Him, the Heir of David's line,
   Whom David, Lord did call;
   The God incarnate! Man divine!
   And crown Him Lord of all!

4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
   Ye ransomed of the fall,
   Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
   And crown Him Lord of all!

5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget,
   The wormwood and the gall,
   Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
   And crown Him Lord of all!

6. Let every kinder, every tribe,
   Before Him prostrate fall!
   To Him all majesty ascribe,
   And crown Him Lord of all!

SERMON ..... Rev. Everard W. Daniel, D.D.
Rector, St. Matthews' Church, Detroit, Mich.

OFFERTORY—"How Beautiful Upon the Mountain."

GREETINGS ..... Rev. Matthew W. Anderson, D.D.
Pastor, Berean Presbyterian Church

GREETINGS ..... Rev. C. Albert Tindley, D.D.
Pastor, East Calvary M. E. Church

GREETINGS ..... Rev. W. F. Graham, D.D.
Pastor, Holy Trinity Baptist Church

GREETINGS ..... Rev. John R. Logan, D.D.
President, Conference of Colored Church Workers

ANTHEM—"The Heavens Are Telling."

GREETINGS ..... Rt. Rev. J. Albert Johnson, D.D.
A. M. E. Church

GREETINGS ..... Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., D.C.L.
Bishop of Pennsylvania

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION.

RECESSIONAL HYMN ..... No. 532

1. On our way rejoicing
   As we homeward move,
   Hearken to our praises
   O Thou God of love!
   Is there grief or sadness?
   Thine it cannot be!
   Is our sky beclouded?
   Clouds are not from Thee!

   On our way rejoicing
   As we homeward move,
   Hearken to our praises,
   O Thou God of love!

2. If with honest-hearted
   Love for God and man
   Day by day Thou find us
   Doing what we can,
   Thou who giv'st the seed-time
   Wilt give large increase,
   Crown the head with blessings,
   Fill the heart with peace.
   On our way rejoicing, etc.

3. On our way rejoicing
   Gladly let us go;
   Conquered hath our Leader!
   Vanquished is our foe!
   Christ without, our safety;
   Christ within, our joy;
   Who if we be faithful,
   Can our hope destroy?
   On our way rejoicing, etc.

4. Unto God the Father
   Joyful songs we give;
   Unto God the Saviour
   Thankful hearts we bring;
   Unto God the Spirit
   Bow we and adore
   On our way rejoicing
   Now and evermore!
   On our way rejoicing, etc.

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Rev. Robert H. Tabb, D.D.

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Rector, St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ADDRESS.....Rev. George Freeman Bragg, D.D.
Rector, St. James' Church, Baltimore, Md.

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ADDRESS.....Rev. Perry R. Stockman

ADDRESS.....Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, D.D.
Rector, St. Phillips' Church, New York

ADDRESS.....Rev. Carl E. Grammar, S.T.D.
Rector, St. Stephens' Church, Philadelphia

ADDRESS.....Dr. A. B. Jackson

ADDRESS.....Rev. Edgar C. Young, S.T.D.
Vicar, Phillips Brooks Memorial Church, Philadelphia

ADDRESS.....Rev. George H. Toop, D.D.
Rector, Holy Apostles' Church, Philadelphia

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Accounting Warden, Church of the Crucifixion

ADDRESS.....Mr. Henry A. Dauls
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RESPONSE.....The Venerable H. L. Phillips, D.D.

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LETTERS

AND

OTHER DOCUMENTS

4504 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 7, 1925.

Dear Mr. Tabb:

I have been suffering for ten days from a miserable attack of lumbago. I kept at the meetings of commencement week, which simply put off the chance of my getting better. Yesterday the doctor put me to bed. Today he says there is no chance of my getting about by tomorrow night, as I cannot stand erect or walk without pain.

This prevents by joining with the others in doing honor to my old friend and classmate, Dr. Phillips. There are only four of us left, but he is the only one who is willing to call himself "Venerable." The rest of us are violently opposed to the chap who wrote the 90th Psalm. We don't believe that the days of our age are three score years and ten and that additional years are "but labor and sorrow." If he continues to be called by that title, people will some day believe that he *is* old. You have perhaps heard of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who always insisted on being so addressed. The reason was, her husband's name was Thomas, and she shrank from being known as Mrs. Tom Catt.

But by whatever title we call Phillips, we mean to express high regard and affection for him. He is an honor to his race, his profession, and his time. Fifty years of acquaintance have revealed no failure in gentle manners, in personal goodness, in devotion to his work. If I were not writing from the flat of my back, I should like to testify at large as to his work to his friends and his church. But I can only say how worthy he is of all honor.

I am glad his friends are taking advantage of his anniversary to tell him so. I repeat the old classical wish, *Ad multos annos!* May he be long spared to the valuable service he renders!

I so much regret my enforced absence.

Cordially yours,

George Foley.

Rev. J. J. Joyce Moore
503 S. Woodland Terrace
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 6, 1925.

Dear Mr. Tabb:

I regret to write that I will not be able to attend the banquet of Monday night. I have a very high regard for Archdeacon Phillips and he should be most warmly congratulated by everyone for his long and faithful service as shepherd and pastor of souls. With kind regards, I remain,

Yours cordially,

J. J. Joyce Moore,

John W. Townsend
825 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

May 23, 1925.

Reverend Robert H. Tabb,
Rector, The Church of the Crucifixion.
My dear Mr. Tabb:

I feel honored in being asked to join you and your associates in publicly celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Dr. Phillips and urged exceedingly that conditions which control me will prevent my being with you on the occasions to which you kindly ask me.

Please convey to Dr. Phillips my sincere congratulations on his attaining such fulness of time in spiritual usefulness. He has indeed acomplished a wonderful work in all these years and none but the All-knowing One can measure the results of his untiring ministry.

My association with him on his vestry was many years ago but I still remember the sermon he preached one Sunday morning when I attended a communion service with him and his people.

I was always impressed with his earnestness, faithfulness and perseverance in his work. May he be spared for many years more of usefulness, is the wish of his sincere friend.

John W. Townsend.

The Rectory
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

To the Rev. Robert H. Tabb,
Reverend and Dear Sir:

I am sorry I will not be able to accept your very kind invitation for the Anniversary Banquet to the Venerable Henry Laird Phillips, D. D., on Monday, June 8, at 8:30 P.M., as I had already invited a number of friends to dine here on that evening and it is too late to change my invitations and date.

However, will you express to the Archdeacon my heartfelt congratulations and good wishes and extend to him my prayer that he may continue long with us in his good and noble work for one Common Master. Many thanks to you and to the committee in charge and may you have a happy and successful evening.

I am very grateful in being thought of and invited.

Yours sincerely,

G. Calvert Carter.

May 19, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Phillip M. Rhinelander
3401 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

May 27, 1925.

Dear Mr. Tabb:

I am very sorry that I shall not be able to be one of those to do honor to my dear friend, Dr. Phillips, on June 7.

I wish you would personally convey to him, both in private and in public, my high esteem for the eminent service which he has rendered and for the fine example of pure character, unselfish devotion and loyal faith which for so many years he has given to all his brethren.

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Philip M. Rhinelander.

The Rev. R. H. Tabb,
The Church of the Crucifixion,
Bainbridge Street above Eighth,
Philadelphia, Pa.

May 18, 1925.

To the Rev. R. H. Tabb,
Reverend and dear Sir:

I have your very kind invitation to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary of Archdeacon Phillips and I much regret that absence from the city at that time will prevent me from accepting the invitation.

This is also the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from our school and we feel much honored in having such an alumnus.

Please give the Archdeacon my kindest regards and believe me,

Sincerely yours,

L. M. Robinson.

Philadelphia Divinity School,
Forty-second and Locust Streets.

St. Thomas' Rectory
White Marsh, Pa.

May 19, 1925.

Dear Mr. Tabb:

It is a great deal I appreciated receiving the invitation to the happy occasions on June 7 and 8 at the Church of the Crucifixion.

I regret I cannot be with good Dr. Phillips on either occasion. But I want to send him, through you, my heartfelt congratulations on this his fiftieth anniversary. He will be celebrating his fiftieth while I celebrate my fifteenth—what a contrast!

Very sincerely yours,

N. B. Groton.

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June 4, 1925.

My dear Brother Tabb:

I am very pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Dr. Phillips. Mrs. Wright and myself will be present, nothing serious preventing.

I have known Dr. Phillips ever since I have been in the City of Philadelphia. He was one of the first ministers with whom I came in contact and I have known him only to respect, honor and love him. And when you do him this honor, you are honoring yourself. As a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, not fortunate enough to be closely associated with him in the ecclesastical administration, I can say, however, that I am sure the ministers and members of my church think as highly of Dr. Phillips as those of your church; for the good he has done cannot be confined to any sect or any race. Again thanking you for the honor of the privilege that you have extended to me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Wright, Jr.

Residence: 716 N. Forty-fourth Street — Preston 1736-R

First African Presbyterian Church
Seventeenth and Fitzwater Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Charles S. Freeman, D.D., Pastor

June 5, 1925.

Rev. Mr. Tabb.
Dear Brother:

It is with sincere regret that a previous engagement in connection with the memorial exercises at Lincoln University, in which I have a part, prevents our being present at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of the Venerable Henry L. Phillips, D.D.

He has truly wrought a great work among us; his beautiful life of devotion to Truth and Duty, and of great diligence in the service of our Lord, is an inspiration to all of us, and especially to our younger group in the Gospel Ministry.

Kindly tender our heartiest congratulations on this very happy occaison.

Cordially yours,

Rev. and Mrs. Charles S. Freeman.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
BROAD AND JEFFERSON STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 16, 1925.

Rev. Robert H. Tabb, Chairman.
Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you with deep appreciation for the invitation to attend the Golden Anniversary of Archdeacon Phillips. For over twenty-two years I have known him and regarded him with the highest esteem. By his long ministry of loving service, he has set us a fine example and I am delighted that he is to be honored, and his life work given due recognition. I expect to be present at the services on June 7.

Yours faithfully,

N. V. P. LEVIS.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

My dear Mr. Tabb:

I have the kind invitation to attend the services at the Church of the Crucifixion, commemorate of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Phillips and shall (D. V.) be very glad to be present to greet so worthy a Presbyter of our Church.

We have lately chosen him as a member of the Board of Managers of the Evangelistical Education Society, where I believe he will accomplish much good.

Banquets, I am eschewing at present. You may have noticed that I steered clear of the lunches at convention.

Yours truly,

HAROLD GOODWIN.

Rev. Robert H. Tabb.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH
REV. LLEWELLYN N. CALEY, D.D., RECTOR
OAK LANE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Rectory,
May 24, 1925.

My dear Mr. Tabb:

I hope to be able to be present at the Fiftieth Anniversary of my friend, Archdeacon Phillips, on Sunday, June 7. But I fear I cannot attend the Banquet on the following Monday.

With hearty congratulations on the noble work he has been able to render the Church during the many years, I remain,

Your sincerely,

LLEWELLYN N. CALEY.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
PITTSBURGH, PA.

RECTORY:
7341 MONTICELLO STREET

June 5, 1925.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

I had hoped to run over to Philadelphia on Monday and personally congratulate you upon the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood, but work in my parish prevents me from doing so.

It is quite impossible for me to say in a letter all that I would like to say. However, let me extend to you my hearty congratulations upon your long and most useful service in the Church.

In common with all the clergy I look up to you with pride and a feeling akin to reverence for all that you have been and done as our leader. With them I thank God for His gift of you to us; and we all pray that He will crown your remaining years with many choice blessings.

With kind regards and high esteem permit me to remain,

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT D. BROWN.

Rev. Henry L. Phillips, D.D.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

THE CHAPEL OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE
TWENTY-SECOND AND NORRIS STREETS

May 26, 1925.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Though I shall not be able to be with you on your Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination, I want to write to you now to send you my best wishes and many congratulations for that occasion. When I think of the little part of all your wonderful faithful work which I personally know and even then think of that fifty years' service and its meaning and high value, I know you have set a shining saintly example which few of us can come anywhere near. I know also a little of how much my father admired and cared for you, and you know that he and many of our beloved Saints are glad because of you, and because of the meaning of this year in your long and faithful service, which you have so well done.

Surely you have already heard often, not outside of you, but in your own soul, the Voice of Him Who said, and Who is most surely saying to you, "I have called you *friends*" and "Ye are my friends." May I also sign myself,

Your sincere friend,

JOSEPH PAUL MORRIS.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
TWENTY-FIRST AND CHRISTIAN STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 18, 1925.

Ven. Henry L. Phillips, D.D.,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Archdeacon:

The invitation to the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination came this morning. I fear it may be difficult for me, if not impossible, to attend the service on Sunday, but I hope to give myself the pleasure of being with you on the evening of Monday. I am writing Mr. Tabb to that effect.

Let me convey to you my very heartiest and most affectionate congratulations upon rounding out so notable a period of service in the Cause of the Master. How many changes that period has witnessed and how much progress it has marked! What a large and loving harvest of souls you will have to greet you when you come into the Master's Nearer Presence! I never expect to have a fiftieth anniversary myself, but if I do I can hope for no better thing than that it may be marked with some meed of loves as comes to you upon your Anniversary.

Praying God will be very close to you during all the days of the anniversary celebration and with much esteem and affection, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE H. TOOP.

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207 ST. MARK'S SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 22, 1925.

My dear Archdeacon:

The invitation to your Anniversary has reached me. I have had it in mind and hope that you will be at our alumni meetings at the commencement season, for we shall want to congratulate you and Dr. Foley then.

And I want you to hear directly from me how sorry I am that I cannot get to your celebrations. I am leaving town after our commencement, just as quickly as I can manage it, for a two weeks' holiday; my one chance this summer as I have to be on duty through the summer here. My thoughts will be with you, and my warm and admiring congratulations on so long and fine a service as yours.

Yours most sincerely,

GEORGE L. BARTLETT.

L. F. RONDINELLA
4043 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 7, 1925.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

I was sorry not to be able to attend the special service at the Church of the Crucifixion this afternoon but I have been thinking about you all day and praying that you might have the physical strength to take your part in this celebration in your honor despite the withering heat that still continues. So I am writing to express my congratulations on the completion of your fifty years in the ministry, with the hope that God may give you many more years of splendid service in His vineyard!

Sincerely yours,

L. F. RONDINELLA.

To Rev. Henry L. Phillips.

DR. L. T. ASHCRAFT
2039 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 8, 1925.

Rev. Dr. Henry Laird Phillips,
Bainbridge and Eighth Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Sir:

The enclosed clipping reminded me of what you passed through several years ago. I took the liberty of showing it to one of my friends, thinking that the work which we did helped to prolong your life.

Permit me to extend my compliments to you. Hoping that the Lord will spare you for many years' useful work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

LEON T. ASHCRAFT.

1729 N. TWENTY-NINTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 2, 1925.

My dear Archdeacon Phillips:

I have great pleasure in offering you herewith in these simple lines the affectionate greetings and felicitations of the South Philadelphia Convocation, according to their unanimous resolution at their meeting this evening, on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination to the sacred ministry.

With my own personal greeting and cordial good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. WEINMANN,
Secretary.

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June 12, 1925.

Rev. Henry L. Phillips, D.D.,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Dr. Phillips:

Permit me to personally congratulate you on rounding out a half century in the ministry of the Gospel and to express my regret at being unable to join the citizens of Philadelphia and vicinity in celebrating that Anniversary at the Knights of Pythian's Hall on Monday evening, June 8.

When I came to this city in January, 1901, and took up the work at the First African Presbyterian Church, you were then rector of the Church of the Crucifixion and you were among the first ministers of the city whom it was my privilege to meet and I shall always remember how your encouraging words cheered me on in taking up that very depleted church work and how often it has been my privilege to meet you since at various functions and on several occasions have you in the pulpit of our Mother Church.

In conclusion I desire to say that I know of no veteran in the Christian ministry whose life and labors have been a greater inspiration to the younger men in the ministry of various denominations than your own splendid life and service, and though you have long passed your three score years and ten, I earnestly pray that you may be spared to see many more years of peaceful and happy service. I am,

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN W. LEE,
Field Representative of the Division of Missions for Colored People in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

June 5, 1925.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Mother is very pleased with having received an invitation to the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination, and she has asked me to tender her sincere congratulations, in which we all join with her on this unique occasion, the Jubilee of your Priesthood.

Trusting your health will enable you to continue in the work of the Master, the service of His Church, and the uplift of humanity.

Yours sincerely,

WENONA G. ROBINSON.

165 SCHOOL LANE
GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 15, 1925.

Rev. Henry L. Phillips, D.D.,
My dear Dr. Phillips:

I am late in offering my congratulations and good wishes for your Anniversary. I delayed writing hoping to be present in person. I then was delayed still further by an attack of la grippe, which, with the days of heat, was quite disabling. Mrs. Perry took the la grippe from me and is still confined to her bed, but is recovering.

I do most heartily congratulate you on your long and useful ministry. I hope that it may be continued with abundant blessings for many years.

Cordially yours,

J. DEWOLF PERRY.

JOHN P. TURNER, M.D.
1302 S. EIGHTEENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 8, 1925.

Reverend Henry L. Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Reverend Phillips:

Not many men stick on one job a half century. When one serves his fellowmen as well as you have and as long, he is richly deserving of the many good things that are being said of you, and done for you at this time.

May, Mrs. Turner, Marion, and I, join with the others in extending to you our congratulations?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

JOHN P. TURNER.

DIOCESE OF NEWARK
TWENTY-ONE WASHINGTON STREET
NEWARK, N. J.
RT. REV. EDWIN S. LINES, D.D., BISHOP

June 8, 1925.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

Let me send to you greetings and good wishes upon the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination—a long and useful ministry in which all your friends rejoice lies behind you. That a great many years of happiness are before you is my sincere wish.

Faithfully yours,

EDWIN S. LINES.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
J. STANLEY DURKEE, A.M., PH.D., PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
KELLY MILLER, A.M., DEAN

June 4, 1925.

My Dear Dr. Tabb:

I beg to thank the committee for their kind invitation to the Fiftieth Anniversary of Archdeacon Phillips' ministry. I regret more than I am able to express my inability to be present in person to show my admiration, esteem and affection for him.

What a wonderful life and career he has had! How gloriously and divinely he has served his fellow-men and the Kingdom of God! Would that he could be multiplied a million-fold—if so the great prayer of the Master would be fulfilled—the Kingdom would come!

We are all more than happy that he has had such a successor at the Church of the Crucifixion. The Elijah of the Church hast found his Elisha and his mantle rests upon him.

I beg that you will remember me very kindly to Mrs. Tabb and that you will convey my most affectionate regards and congratulations to our beloved Patriarch, Brother and Friend, the Venerable Archdeacon Phillips.

And with cordial regards, believe me,

I am, ever,

W. V. TUNNELL.

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715 S. 17TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 1, 1925.

Rev. Henry L. Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Friend:

May this Anniversary time bring into your sky a flock of carrier pigeons who will drop cards, letters and telegrams to you of happy thoughts of you all of which you may plant in the Garden of Memory where they will bloom like full blown roses—

And when your work on earth is done
And you have all the laurels won,
May you dwell in Heavenly Rest
Among the Righteous and the Blest.

May you still enjoy God's beautiful sunshine in life.

Accept my heartiest congratulations in which my wife joins me.

Sincerely yours,

(CAPTAIN) GEO. A. ROBINSON.

THE DIVINITY SCHOOL OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN PHILADELPHIA
FORTY-SECOND AND LOCUST STREETS
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
533 ARCH STREET

May 19, 1925.

The Venerable Dr. Henry Laird Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

As I cannot be present at the service and banquet in your honor, I am writing to join your host of friends in all good wishes. Your wonderful life in the service of the Church deserves and has the admiration of all who know you. To few men is there the blessing of looking back through the years on a life as well lived and freely spent as yours, and I sincerely hope it is bringing you the fulness of joy. May God spare you for many more years to your friends, and so many who need you. I am,

Yours very sincerely,

W. ARTHUR WARNER.

THE AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

June 5, 1925.

The Venerable Dr. H. L. Phillips,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Archdeacon:

Permit me to extend to you, by this means, on behalf of Mrs. McGuire and myself, felicitations on the completion of half century of fruitful labor in the Master's Vineyard. There are not many to whom the privilege is given of celebrating their "Golden Anniversary" in the Sacred Ministry, and there are but few, at your age, who still respond to the daily injunction, "Son, go work today in my vineyard."

I shall be in Detroit from June 6 to 8, inclusive, otherwise I should at least attend the banquet in your honor. That you may still contribute your quota of rich service as an inspiration to others, and enjoy the golden period that precedes the sunset, before you finally hear the "well done," is the wish of one who has been benefited by your ministry.

ALEXANDER.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Detroit, Mich., 528P,
June 6, 1925.

Venerable Archdeacon Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack St., Germantown, Penn.

Jamaicans and other West Indians in Detroit send greetings and congratulations on this Golden Anniversary of your Ministry.

T. E. COOTE,
1003P.

910 S. Eighth Street
Camden, N. J.

June, 1925.

The Venerable Archdeacon Phillips,
My dear Mr. Phillips:

I fully intended to have shook your hand the night of your wonderful Golden Anniversary, but owing to the lateness of the hour and the distance I had to cover, I thought it best that I go early.

I will say with all the fulness of my thought I most heartily congratulate you, knowing that you deserve all that they say about you and more. I have said repeatedly that you, above the average, possess and put forth that little thing known as stick-at-it-ness.

My wish is that you may manifest more and more of the good which is God, knowing that only good can come to one of God's children for the only way to get it is to give. I remain,

Friendly yours,
(Mrs.) Lucy Phillips.

1875—1925
ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO
Archdeacon H. L. Phillips
FROM
Miss S. F. Bullard

St. Louio, Mo.

July 1, 1925.

Dr. H. L. Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Dr. Phillips:

All Saints' Parish extends to you its heartiest congratulations.

It is given to but few men to serve a half century in any calling. You have served that time with marked distinction in the highest calling man is privileged to follow and in so doing you have deserved and won the confidence and love of all who know of your life and work.

That you may continue for many years in the work to which you have given so much is the earnest prayer of the congregation, the vestry and the rector of this parish.

Yours very sincerely,
Jas. L. Usher,
Clerk.

EDITORIAL ROOMS OF
The Crisis
69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People

July 16, 1925.

The Venerable Henry L. Phillips,
The Church of the Crucifixion,
Bainbridge Street above Eighth,
Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Mr. Phillips:

I found your card here after returning from the West. Mrs. Du Bois and I hasten to congratulate you upon the completion of a fine and fruitful period of service and we wish for you still long usefulness and happiness.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,
W. E. Du Bois.

On Your Golden Anniversary

Aglow with peace and happiness,
Aglow with lifting song,
Aglow with golden memories
That come in happy throng.
Aglow with love and friendship
To bless your life anew;
May this Golden Anniversary
Bring all these joys to you.

COMPLIMENTS OF
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Draine
and Family

On Your Eightieth Birthday
80—2=78

I've never believed in miracles
Though I must confess the truth
That as each year goes, it only shows
In your heart there is lasting Youth.

Richard and Nellie Bright
TO
"Ponce de Leon"
H. L. P.
Fountain of Eternal Youth

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 18, 1925.

Dr. Henry L. Phillips,
202 E. Sharpnack Street,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Dr. Phillips:

I was very much pleased to receive the invitation announcing the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination to the ministry. I take this opportunity to congratulate you and assure you that I shall certainly be present at both events, the sermon and the dinner. Of course, without my saying it, you know the great esteem and love I have for you and consider it an honor to sit as near you as possible during this celebration.

With much love and prayer for God's blessings upon you, I am,

Sincerely, your friend,

A. B. JACKSON.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years! a Golden Milestone!
By the wayside you have trod;
Marking well the deeds of kindness
Prompted by your love of God.
May for you all future milestone
Bear inscribed upon their face,
Many acts of gracious goodness,
Guided by the God of Grace.

SEDGEWICK.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Upon this day whose memory
You so gladly treasure,
I send my wishes for
Continued cheer and pleasure.

My dear Uncle:

The others join me in wishing you much happiness on your Anniversary Day and good health for future useful service. Hope to know Philadelphia soon. Wish I could be there on Sunday, but cannot.

Sincerely,

JOE.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA

THE RECTORY
JAMAICA

June 1, 1925.

My dear Archdeacon Phillips:

Let us congratulate you on the Fiftieth Anniversary of your Ordination to the ministry. God has blessed you with a long ministry and a successful one. During these fifty years you have helped many souls and we are sure that there will be many souls in glory awaiting to call you blessed. We know that one will rejoice with you on that day of your celebration. We speak of Mrs. Phillips, of blessed memory. We are very sorry we will not be able to be present to rejoice with you. On that day it will mark my ordination of only nine short years. Let us wish that God may continue to bless you, and your labors for the Master will be crowned with continued success. We say, "God bless our dear Archdeacon Phillips."

We are struggling here for the Master, trying hard to do our little bit, the work continues to grow amidst all the disappointments and discouragements. On May 1, at 7:30 P. M., we met a great shock, one that we will never forget—someone deliberately set fire to the coach house. I was at home and was able to save my buggy but all my harness was destroyed; a great loss to me financially and a blow otherwise. We are living under a great strain.

The wife and children are all well. Today Albert is 8 years old, getting quite a big boy, but will not settle himself to his work. The children all send their best wishes and continued success; the wife joins in it all. With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES L. EMANUEL.

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32 SAEKUELE STREET
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

May 25, 1925.

The Reverend Chairman,
The Venerable H. L. Phillips, D.D., Jubilee Committee.
Reverend and Dear Chairman:

Reverend friends and all friends and participants—

As age and other concommitants, nolens volens forbid that I be present on this joyful momentous and history-making occasion, I beg in sending my congratulations and my greetings, thine hearty, genuine and sincere to introduce a subject, by letter as I would have craved permission to have done orally, had I been present.

It is this, not unfrequently it is charged against us, that we love our leaders, pioneers and men of advanced thought, less than do our

brethren of the A. M. E. and A. M. E. Zion and A. Orothodox, whose leaders in the Episcopate, like the ranks from which they are elected, are worthy of all respect and reverence and are with such duly honored.

Our Sister Communion, the great Latin Church, goest yet farther and finds for merit, when perchance it has been unconsciously overlooked, a place and honor, to wit, the not unfrequent nomination of Titulaes to Sees for centuries lapsed. Can it not be, then at taking advantage of this auspicious occasion, the United Afro-American Clergy recommend to the forthcoming General Convention to be held at New Orleans, Venerable Dr. Phillips to the Episcopate. The Church has done well and the consecration of Bishops Demby and Delaney has pleased some communions, but is there not. . . . Surely this Jubilee Service and Banquet constrains us to think this matter over, in the spirit of power, of love, of mind. . . . Large opportunities for the veterans like Archdeacon Phillips, Dr. Bragg, Bishop and others too numerous to mention to be made better instruments for carrying on God's work. Bringing one branch of the Catholic Church forcibly to our people by being raised to the Apostolate, for such the Episcopate verily is.

With love unfeigned,

Yours sincerely,

H. A. A. Hartley, M.D.

Though unfortunately unable from the shortness of the notice and the large intervening distance to be present physically, I will be present in mind, soul and affection.

As an old and cherished friend, if not more, for your holy hands many years ago were laid on my head, I beg you to grant me the great favor to present on my behalf enclosed letter, which I desire to be read at the banquet.

Rev. Mr. Kelso, B.A., your old friend and a fine representative of dear old Jamaica, now pastor of the Second Moravian Church of this city, sends, through me, his warmest greetings.

With love unfeigned for your venerable paternity and entire circle beloved.

Believe me, Venerable Doctor and Esteemed Friend in Holy Church,

Most devotedly yours,

H. A. S. Hartley.

PRESENTATION OF A HANDSOME CANE TO DR. PHILLIPS

Detroit, Mich., September 23, 1924.

Venerable Archdeacon Henry L. Phillips, D.D.

Dear Dr. Phillips:

It is with great pleasure that we are assembled here this evening to express our appreciation of your presence here in our midst. A public man of your prominence belongs to all the people, yet in a certain sense we feel that you are peculiarly one of us, the group of islanders now here assembled, by virtue of the traditions, earlier environments and past affiliations we hold in common. It is as such that we wish to express our welcome to you on this, the ocasion of your first visit to dynamic Detroit to help us celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of our beloved St. Matthew's Church, which we understand falls near in point of time to the diamond anniversary of your ordination. We have derived great pleasure and received new inspirations from your contribution to our celebration program. We feel also that we would be lacking in hospitality, and would everlastingly regret it if we allowed this wonderful occasion to pass without expressing our admiration and appreciation of one who so richly merits them.

The wonderful work you have done is not unknown to us. How, over half a century ago, you came to these shores from your island home, while the shackles of bondage had hardly been lifted from our brethren here, and in the face of tremendous obstacles started on that career of service and self-sacrifice in Philadelphia—the City of Brotherly Love—which has been crowned with such signal success.

It is not for us to go into the details of your labors at the Church of the Crucifixion in Philadelphia, and its by-product, the home for the indigent, etc. We realize the work has been of such a kind as to tax the strentgh of body, mind and spirit, and under which load one less determined and trustful in the guiding strength of a benign Providence might have succumbed long ago. In that strength has been the secret of your success, which we esteem so highly and which has benefited thousands of our people during the course of your long and active service. We see in this service to humanity the products of an active brain, a generous heart, a steadfast determination, and an unwavering faith in the Divine Father of us all.

It is true that Service like Mercy blesseth him that gives as well as him that receives, and we feel that as you have given out of the abundance of your heart, you have also received in corresponding measure, pleasure and satisfaction in reviewing the work of your lifetime, and can look forward to that Heavenly Approval and rich reward "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We realize that in your venerable presence we are in the company of a distinguished son of the sunny Carribean, who by virtue of hard

consistent work, and its commensurate results, has developed a character of true greatness. We take pride in your achievements and feel privileged to do so.

We regret to learn of the indisposition you have suffered from here, and hope it will speedily pass away. We have enjoyed your visit to us, and hope that notwithstanding your indisposition you have been able to enjoy the short stay. It is with proper humility we offer you this expression of appreciation and hope its sincerity will give you pleasure. We are,

Respectfully,

T. E. Coote,
F. Shaw,
J. S. Coote,
I. A. Lawson,
A. J. Tomlinson,
J. M. Gregory, D.D.S., D.D.,
C. S. Coote,
Alfred N. Harrison,
A. C. Giscomb,
D. A. Stewart, D.D.S.,
J. C. Fisher,
C. Arnold Thompson,
Cleveland C. Alexander,
Dr. Robert Greenidge,
Mae Coote,
Edith Lalor,
Hannah Mathews,
Adelaide Edgehill,
Rose Richards,
Martha Coote,
Isabel Coote,
Hazel Strickland,
V. Coote,
Samuel Gibbons,
May Tomlinson,
Julia Anderson,
Marcelline M. Daniel,
May Munroe.

1425 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, Md.

June 8, 1925.

My dear Dr. Phillips:

The persons whose names are herewith given, communicants of St. James' First African Church, but all of whom were born in the West Indies—some in Jamaica—unite in sending you this little "token" of love and appreciation, and greatly rejoice with you in the manifest blessings with which our Heavenly Father has honored and authenticated your ministry of love during one-half century. They pray that the choicest blessings from above may ever rest upon you, and that great may be your exaltation in the Master's Presence when He calls you Home.

Affectionately, your friend,

George F. Bragg, Jr.

The names of the donors are as follows: Mrs. M. Urana Ross, Mrs. Edna May Contee, Mr. Wilfred J. Cupee, Miss Maud Matthews, Mrs. Jane Reid, Mr. Samuel Whittaker, Mr. Charles Marshall, Mrs. R. Maycock and Mr. Donald Boyce.

(Basket of flowers.)

MORE THAN 500 ATTEND BANQUET TO DR. PHILLIPS

All Denominations Are Represented at Celebration of Fiftieth Anniversary

[Local Newspaper]

More than five hundred people representing all denominations attended the banquet in honor of Archdeacon Henry L. Phillips on Monday evening at Knights of Pythias Hall.

The occasion was marked by a special program and clergymen and laymen of both races lauded Dr. Phillips for his worth and work among his people.

Rev. Robert H. Tabb, Rector of the Church of the Crucifixion introduced the master of ceremonies, Rev. George F. Miller, Rector of St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., who in well chosen words introduced the following speaker: Rev. George F. Bragg, of Baltimore; Rev. Percy Stockman; Rev. Hutchins, Bishop of New York; Rev. Carl E. Grammar, Rev. Edgar C. Young, Rev. George H. Toop, Rev. W. F. Graham, Mr. E. Washington Rhodes, Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, Rev. C. B. Dubelle and Henry A. Dauls.

The Arion Glee Club sang several numbers beautifully, although they were no doubt disconcerted by some of those present who were discourteous enough to talk audibly while they were singing. The fact that those present were supposed to be representative of our better classes only made their conduct more glaring.

Several presentations were made to the guest of honor, a beautiful amethyst ring from the churches in his diocese, a traveling bag from the Alpha Boule, of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, a gift of gold from Holy Trinity Baptist Church.

Archdeacon Phillips made the closing address a resume of his life's work at the Church of the Crucifixion and the different activities connected with that parish.

The program closed with the singing of the Doxology.

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

There came to the desk of the Editor this week a golden card, an invitation from the Church of the Crucifixion and the Associate Church of Archdeaconry to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of the Venerable Henry L. Phillips, D.D., on Sunday, June 7.

Archdeacon Phillips, though small physically, has been a regular dynamo in church and civic affairs. Those living in and out of Philadelphia know of his successful work as rector of "The Church of the Crucifixion," where he faithfully served for so many years. A man of strong moral character, thought and vision he has not confined himself strictly to clerical duties but served wherever he could most help his fellow-man. His friends are legion and are found not only in the highest but the humblest walks of life.

The *Tribune* felicitates Archdeacon Phillips, who has been one of its staunchest friends and supporters from the beginning of its publication. We are glad that he has been spared to give fifty years of service, and the churches under his direction honor themselves when they honor one who early in life became "the servant of all," thus becoming one of the "greatest among us."

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202 E. Sharpnack Street
Germantown, Pa.

June 15, 1925.

Dear *Tribune:*

I thank you with many thanks for all the nice things you said about the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of my Ordination.

I suppose, after all, it has been a good thing to have lived, as a clergyman, in one city for fifty years. During those fifty years I have had but one thought in mind, guiding my steps—every man is my brother; every woman my sister.

With such a thought, I never wore denominational clothes. I want to congratulate the *Tribune* on its size and for the character of the food that it gives out weekly. Its educational value ought to be highly prized.

I want to make a suggestion which the *Tribune* may see fit to think over. I will put it in the form of questions:

Has not the time arrived when colored motormen should be seen on Lombard, South, Bainbridge and Catharine Street cars?

Could not a sane committee be called together to consider the matter?

Is that not the kind of work that the Inter-Racial People might undertake?

With plenty of love for the *Tribune* Staff, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry L. Phillips.

ACTIVE FIFTY YEARS

Episcopal Clergy to Honor Senior Priest on Sunday—Plan Special Services for Archdeacon Phillips After Fifty Years of Service

Tomorrow (Sunday) marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the ordination to the ministry of the Rev. Henry Laird Phillips, D.D., Archdeacon of the Colored Work of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

In commemoration of that eventful period in Archdeacon Phillips' long ministry the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese where Dr. Phillips has faithfully served throughout his ministry of half a century, will officiate and preside at special services to be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Church of the Crucifixion, Bainbridge Street above Eighth.

All the colored clergy of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese and a number of their white brethren in the same communion, together with ministers of other communions in this city and vicinity will participate in the commemoration services.

Dr. Phillips, who, not withstanding his age of 78 years, is still in active service as Archdeacon of the Colored Work of the Episcopal Church, is the senior in rank of all the colored clergy of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the Diocese of Pennsylvania is next to the oldest priest of that communion in years of active and continuous ministry. Dr. Phillips' home is in Germantown.

The Church of the Crucifixion was selected for the Golden Anniversary as it was there Dr. Phillips served for nearly forty years of his ministry and only surrendered that parish when he was appointed Archdeacon in charge of the colored

work. Tomorrow morning at the 11 o'clock service of the Holy Communion in his old parish in Bainbridge Street, Dr. Phillips will be the celebrant and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Robert H. Tabb, Rector of the Crucifixion.

At the special service in the afternoon, clergy and ministers from other cities will be present in addition to the local clergy and ministers, and a special address will be made by the Rev. Everard W. Daniel, Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Mich.

On Monday night, Dr. Phillips will be the special guest of honor at a dinner to be given in New Pythian Hall, Nineteenth Street below Pine, which will be attended by a large number of colored citizens and churchmen at which addresses will be made by a number of colored clergy from this and other cities.

Dr. Phillips was born in 1847 in Jamaica, West Indies, and was a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School of the Episcopal Church in the class of 1875. He received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lincoln University.

HENRY L. PHILLIPS

[*Church Advocate*, June, 1925]

Trinity Sunday, this year, commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Henry L. Phillips, of Philadelphia, to the Christian ministry. Rev. Dr. Phillips has spent his entire ministry in the City of Brotherly Love. But while Philadelphia has been the center of his sphere of operation, his voice has gone out into all the world. When he began his labors in Philadelphia, a half century ago, there were about seventy-five communicants attached to St. Thomas' Church, and the mission Church of tthe Crucifixion was like the man who went down from Jericho to Jerusalem, fell among thieves, and was ready to die. Today, we have a dozen colored Episcopal congregations in or near that city, with as many colored Episcopal priests ministering to the same. But the greatness of Dr. Phillips' work lies in the "double witness" within and without the church, he has faithfully sustained all these years. When he began his ministry, there were giant-hearted men among the white clergy and laity whose soul went out to the needs of the colored race. Such men like Bishop Stevens, Dr. Saul, Dr. Matlack, Phillips Brooks, Messrs. Coffin, Frazier and others. But these great friends were in the dark. They needed a faithful interpreter and they found such in Henry L. Phillips. Having mastered the art of "self-control" and reared in the strictness of the Moravian rule, he easily proved the medium through which each race would see through to the other. As great things which he accomplished for the Crucifixion and Philadelphia, he never lost sight of the fact that the whole was greater than any of its parts. It would be utterly impossible to estimate the value and the services of this man with respect to the financial aid received by Southern workers, because of his direct and indirect influence on their behalf. His was the daily life of a Christian gentleman in action. His house was the headquarters for all seeking advice and guidance. And he was the sympathetic referee to whom the charitable disposed would turn for guidance in bestowing their aid. Equally impossible would it be to measure the extent of his silent and active influence upon the colored clergy and churches of all denominations in Philadelphia and

upon the general progress of the race in that great city during the past half century. This is no place to write of personal friendships, but we cannot restrain the temptation to say that for the greater part of that period the life of Henry L. Phillips has so richly poured itself into our own life, that we would be wretchedly poor could it be eliminated therefrom.

We yield high praise to God that the church in which we claim sonship is able to present to the world, as an example a character so luminous, effulgent and fruitful in all good works for the Master. The sincerest congratulations and a heart full of love and admiration go out to the worthy and honored senior of the Afro-American Priesthood of the United States, and, so far as we are informed, of the world; and, we pray God that all of us may continue to strive to attain whither he has successfully led the way.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE

[*Church Advocate*, July, 1925]

On Trinity Sunday, at 4 P. M., in the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia, Pa., under the auspices of that particular congregation, and the other colored Episcopal congregations of that city with their various clergy, a special service of commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the ordination to the sacred ministry of the Rev. Henry L. Phillips, D.D., Archdeacon for Colored Work in Pennsylvania, was held. The Rev. E. W. Daniel, D.D., Rector of St. Matthews' Church, Detroit, Mich., was the special preacher.

On the Monday evening following, in the beautiful new Pythian Hall, South Nineteenth Street, a subscription "Banquet" was given. Some 400 persons sat down "to break bread" in honor of the man who, for fifty years, had preached and lived the Gospel in that one community. Our space forbids anything like an adequate description of the affair. Our own clergy from New York, Baltimore, Washington and elsewhere were present to join with our Philadelphia brethren, and possibly a dozen of the local white clergy. A number of clerical representatives of other communions were present. One of the Baptist congregations, through its able pastor greeted Dr. Phillips with a "box of gold." The congregation comprehended in the Archdeaconry presented an "Archdeaconial ring," while a number of communicants of St. James' Church, Baltimore, "born in the West Indies," sent Dr. Phillips a beautiful basket of flowers.

Among the speakers, from the white side, were the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammar, of St. Stephen's Church; the Rev. Dr. Toop, of the Church of the Holy Apostles, and Dr. Dubel. Possibly, others whose names we do not recall. Dr. Miller, of Brooklyn, presided as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Tabb, Rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, was "the boss of the affair" and deserves credit for the magnificent celebration. The Rector of St. Phillip's, New York, and St. James', Baltimore, our oldest parishes, save one were among the number who made felicitous addresses.

The celebration was something extraordinary. Dr. Phillips is the first and only colored clergyman of the church, exer-

cising his ministry in the United States, who has ever had the privilege of celebrating fifty years of service in the ministry. The late Dr. Crummell did indeed celebrate the completion of fifty years in the ministry but twenty of these years were spent in Africa.

The late Bishop Holly celebrated more than fifty years in the ministry, but less than a half score of such years were spent in this country. Likewise, the late Bishop Ferguson reached the same point, but his entire ministry was spent in Liberia. Thus Dr. Phillips has the distinction of being the first and only colored clergyman to spend fifty years of service in the ministry in the United States, and what is still more remarkable, to spend all that time in one city of the United States. It was well that the event was duly honored.

During the earlier part of this fifty years, no one clergyman of which we have knowledge, contributed more towards the building up of our Southern work than Dr. Phillips. This was due to his being a "double witness," in the city which more largely than any other responded to the needs of the colored work. Since that early period, as large a share in the growth of our work in the North is due him as to any other. The chief agency promoting such growth was our Conference of Church Workers, and the discussion of the question of the Leadership of the Episcopate. No one was a greater factor in such conferences than he. Then, as we scan old memoranda of clergymen secured from the South, by him, through our aid, as well as some other considerations, we believe that it can be truthfully asserted that in addition to his immediate work, he has been one of the prime and significant factors in the remarkable growth of our Church in the North during the three past decades.

All praise to God for His gift of a real man; all honor to the man.

A VOICE FROM PARADISE

During the year 1902, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Ministry of Rev. Henry L. Phillips was most fittingly celebrated. As this booklet was being made ready for press I, accidentally, came across a copy of a letter from the late Bishop Whitaker with respect to the occasion, and it was such a splendid tribute, without consultation with Dr. Phillips, I decided that it should find a place within this historic memoranda.—G. F. B., Jr.

The Church House
of the
Diocese of Pennsylvania
the bishop's room
Twelfth and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 4, 1902.

Mr. E. Braithwaite.

My dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn from yours of the second that it is proposed to mark the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Pastorate of the Rev. Henry L. Phillips at the Church of the Crucifixion by a Reception and a Testimonial. No man deserves such honor more than Mr. Phillips. He is a noble, true, earnest and faithful minister of Christ, and rightly held in honor by all who know him. His work at the Crucifixion has been admirably conducted, and his influence has been felt in thousands of individual lives, and in many families, as an uplifting power. I am sure that the esteem and affection which I cherish towards him are shared by all of the clergy of the diocese. It will give me pleasure to send you a contribution towards the testimonial which you propose giving.

Sincerely yours,

O. W. Whitaker.

4027 Walnut Street.

A POEM

Composed by Mrs. F. E. W. Harper and read by her daughter at the Reception tendered the Rev. Henry L. Phillips and wife upon their return from the West Indies:

Over the foaming ocean,
Over the restless sea;
Back to thy field of labor,
We are waiting to welcome thee.

Back from the land of flowers,
Kissed by the ardent sun;
With thy brightest, gladdest welcome,
Thy people here are come.

In the long, long Lenten season,
Ere thy journeyings were o'er;
We will not forget the lessons,
Taught us by our Brother More.

In the work thou placed before,
He has laid his earnest heart;
So tonight within thy welcome
He must surely take a part.

Youth and maiden here will greet thee,
Who were not confirmed before;
Greet thee here tonight as pastor,
By the work of Brother More.

With the consort of thy bosom,
As down the stream of life ye glide;
May the love of God surround you
With His light at eventide.

In the years of early manhood,
On thy brow the dews of youth,
Thou gaves't to a needed people
Many words of love and truth.

Now we welcome thee, dear Father,
As one who points the way
Amid earth's pomps and vanities
To Heaven's brighter day.

May rich and copious blessing
Upon thy life descend,
As we greet thee with a welcome,
Our Father and our friend.

Where sin clasps hand with sorrow,
May we thy flock be found;
As followers of the Master,
Who in his love abound.

To strive by high endeavor
To make the world more bright;
To change life's dull and rugged paths,
To lines of living light.

With hearts of glad surrender,
Not seeking wealth or fame;
O Guide and Shepherd teach us
To live in Jesus' name.

With peace and joy and comfort,
May all thy life be blessed;
And angels welcome thee at last
Within the gates of rest.

With all the saints and martyrs,
Who trod with pain and might;
With bleeding feet the thorny paths,
Now luminous with light.

Like a holy Benediction,
Thy presence may it be;
Till in the Holy City,
Thy flock shall welcome thee.